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House Committee on Appropriations

Fiscal Year 2018 Agriculture Appropriations Bill – Subcommittee Markup
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Opening Statement As Prepared

Thank you, Mr. Chairman, for the time and for all your hard work and that of members of the Subcommittee and this excellent staff to make this markup possible.

I am going to exercise the prerogatives as Chair and reserve my more expansive remarks for full committee.

The safety and accessibility of our nation's food and drug supply is of utmost importance to our economy, our families, our quality of life, and – given the great benefit of producing what we consume here at home – our national security.

This bill prioritizes funding on federal programs that support these critical industries and the farmers, ranchers, medical professionals, and many others that form the backbone of our food and drug supply – which is the best in the world.

I urge its adoption.

Once again, I want to thank the Chair, the Ranking Members, all members of the Subcommittee and this excellent staff for producing such a strong bill on such short notice.

Mr. Chair, thanks for the time. I yield back.

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